

Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends for South Carolina

January 1 - December 31, 2001

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from South Carolina Consumers = **1811**



Fraud Complaints from South Carolina Consumers = 1150

Top Fraud Complaint Categories for South Carolina Consumers

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage*
1	Internet Auctions	211	18%
2	Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	138	12%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	127	11%
4	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	107	9%
5	Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	83	7%

Top Fraud Complaint Categories Against South Carolina Companies

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage*
1	Internet Auctions	216	40%
2	Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	88	16%
3	Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	72	13%
4	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	47	9%
5	Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	27	5%

Amount Paid Reported by South Carolina Consumers

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid Reported**
1150	\$1,148,983	835	73%	\$1,376

*Percentage is based upon the total number of fraud complaints from South Carolina consumers and the total number of fraud complaints against South Carolina companies, respectively.

**Average amount paid is based upon the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by South Carolina consumers.



Identity Theft Victims in South Carolina = 661

Complaints by Identity Theft Type¹



¹ Note: Many identity theft victims experience more than one type of identity theft. These figures represent the number of identity theft complaints by type, NOT the number of identity theft victims.

Top Identity Theft Victim Locations

Victim City	No. of Complaints
Columbia	65
Greenville	43
Charleston	39
Summerville	21
Lexington	18